कि महिलाओं की भूमिका देश के विकास में या चरित्र निर्माण में या इतिहास लेखन में क्या रही है ? क्या ऐसी कोई एजेन्सी है, जिससे इस तरह की भूमिकाओं को अलग से आप जान सकें, देख सकें ताकि महिलाओं को गौण भूमिका दिलाई जा सके, देश के इतिहास में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका दिलाई जा सके ?

श्री अर्जुन सिंह : आदरणीय सभापति महोदय, मैं माननीय सदस्या का आभारी हूं इस प्रश्न के लिए, भारत में महिलाओं के योगदान के बारे में शोध करने की आवश्यकता मैं तो महसूस नहीं करता हूं। यह इतना सर्वविदित है, इतना प्रमुख और व्यापक है कि इसके शोध की आवश्यकता नहीं लेकिन, अगर उसका सही प्रतिबिंब किसी पाठ में नहीं है, वह जरूर देखने की बात है। जिनका जिक्र यहां माननीय सदस्या ने किया है, उस संदर्भ में मैं स्वीकार करता हूं और उसी संदर्भ में महिलाओं के प्रति और देश की महान महिलाओं के प्रति, जिन्होंने सारे भारत के इतिहास को रचने में सहायता की है या नई नई तरह से प्रेरणाएं दी है, निश्चित रूप से उनका उल्लेख उसी संदर्भ में होना चाहिए। यह प्रयास होगा।

MR. CHAIRMAN : Questoin No. 142.

Report of Sardar Sarovar Project Review Committee

*142. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :†

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gujarat High Court has ordered to keep the report of Sardar Sarovar Project Review Committee, appointed last year, in a sealed cover till the High Court gives its verdict on the tenability of the formation of the SSP Review Committee;

(b) whether construction is going on SSP dam, main canal, branch canal and distributaries;

(c) if so, the details regarding the progress of construction of the Dam height, Main Canal-Branch Canal, distributaries including cement lining and expenditure incurred on each head;

(d) the details regarding the Canal head power Stations, installation of turbines and probable date of power generation; and

(e) whether it is a fact that Kutch-Saurashtra Vikas Sabha Conference held in Rajkot last November has requested that concentration be made on Main Canal works upto Kutch Saurashtra end so that drinking water supply gets priority ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGAN) : (a) The High Court of Gujarat at Ahmedabad in its order dated 26th October, 1993 directed that the Secretary of the Ministry of Water Resources shall maintain secrecy and confidentiality of and in respect of the report of the Five Member Group on Sardar Sarovar Project, till further orders.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

(d) While the first unit of Canal Head Power House is scheduled to become operational by August, 1995, all five units are scheduled to become operational by December, 1995.

(e) Yes, Sir.

*†The Question was virtually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Chimanbhai Mehta.

Statement

Physical Process of Sardar Sarovar Project as on 31-1-94

Sl. No.	Component	Excavation %	Concreting %	Drilling %
1	Main Dam	84.24	62.57	75.53
2	River Bed Power House			
	Open	90.84		
	Underground	90.64		
3	Canal Head Power House	Nearing Completion	91.00	
4	Vadgam Saddle Dam	-do-	84.92	
5	Narmada Main Canal	Earthwork	Lining	Structural Concrete
	Phase—I (0 to 82 km)	86.88	59.95	74.95
	(82 to 144.5 km)	85.59	68.18	32.97
6	Branch Canals			
	Phase-I (0 to 144.5 km)	59.24	30.85	44.07

The expenditure incurred on each of the above component as on 31-1-1994 has not been compiled.

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Minister to question (e) where it has been asked, 'whether it is a fact that Kutch-Saurashtra Vikas Sabha Conference held in Rajkot last November has requested that concentration be made on Main Canal works upto Kutch-Saurashtra so that drinking water supply gets priority'. The answer given is, 'Yes, Sir.' I can understand that it is a very technical answer. Sir, you know that the Narmada project is going to give water to more than 8,000 villages and 135 cities. It is known as an irrigation project. But basically and vitally it is also a project for supplying drinking water because Gujarat is very thirsty. Now the point is, when the people of Saurashtra and Kutch have asked that priority be given, your answer just says that you have received a memorandum. What is your reaction to this proposal ? Neither have we received a letter nor have you stated in this answer what your basic approach to this drinking water problem

SHRI P.K. THUNGON : I merely stated, 'Yes, Sir' in the answer because the question tself is very clear. It says, 'whether it is a fact that Kutch-Saurashtra Vikas Sabha Conference held in Rajkot last November has requested that concentration be made on Main Canal works upto Kutch-Saurashtra so that drinking water supply gets priority.' We have stated that it is fact that the Vikas Sabha Conference was held in Rajkot. It have said, 'yes'. Again with regard to whether we are concentrating on the canal works so as to supply drinking water to Kutch, Saurashtra and other areas, I have said, 'yes'. To elucidate it further for the information of the hon. Member : work on the Saurashtra branch canal from kilometre 1 to kilometre 46 has already started and it is proposed to complete the branch canal and the sub-branch canal by 1998. The distribution system would be completed by 1999. The Kutch branch canal is scheduled to start in 1994 and is to be completed by 1999. So we are giving due priority to the construction of canals for taking drinking water and also for other purposes to Kutch and Saurashtra areas.

DR. BAPU KALDATE : They will get water in the 21st century.

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : What about the expenditure on the Main canal, Branch canal and the distributaries ? I had particularly mentioned the distributaries because the length of the Main canal is 460 kilometres. The length of the distributaries is 75,000 kilometres. The main purpose behind asking this question is : if you concentrate on the Main canal, it can reach water to Kutch and the Saurashtra regions. But now you are working on the distributaries and water for drinking purposes will not reach there. You have not given any figures regarding expenditure to be incurred on the distributaries. Neither have you given the construction figures, the drilling figures or the excavation figures. The question has been answered this way, 'The expenditure incurred on each of the above component as on 31-1-94 has not been compiled.' You would have done some compilation from December till November and that could have been given here so that we could understand as to how much money the distributaries are taking away.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Are you asking that question ?

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : Yes, Sir.

SHRI P.K. THUNGON : So far as the construction schedule is concerned, I can elucidate it for the purpose of satisfying the hon. Member. The year of completion of Unit I of the dam is 1998. The work on Unit II of CAD canal was earlier proposed to be completed by 2004. The hon. Member will be happy to know that we have advanced the year of completion and now the work on CAD canal will be completed by 2000 AD, four years in advance. The year of completion of work on Unit III, that is, hydro-power project, is 1996-97. These are the salient features of the programming of the completion schedule of the CAD canals. The work on branch canals has already started.

About the progress of the SSP, I can, for the information of the hon. Member, state that the excavation work on the main dam has been completed to the extent of 84.24%, concreting to the extent of 62.57% and drilling to the extent of 75.53%. The work on the River Bed Power House Open has been completed to the extent of 90.84%. The work has already been completed on the River Bed Power House Underground to the extent o 91.64%. The Canal Head Power House i near completion; almost 97% of the work has already been completed. The work on Vadgam Saddle Dam is also nearing completion. A little over 84% work has been completed. Coming to the main Narmada canal, the work from 0 to 82 kilometres has been completed to the extent of 86.88%, lining work to the extent of 59.95%, structural concreting to the extent of 74.95%. From 82 to 144.5 kilometres, the work has been completed to the extent of 85.59%. Lining work has been completed to the extent of 68.18%.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Actually this is all there in the statement.

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : Sir, this is all there in the statement. What I am asking is not answered.

MR. CHAIRMAN : He is answering your question. He is giving more information.

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : I have asked about distributories. His reply is about the main canal and branch canals. My question was about distributories.

SHRI P. K. THUNGON : I was going to conclude my reply with distributories. The work from 0 to 144.5 kilometres is completed to the extent of 59.24%.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Is it about distributories ?

SHRI P. K. THUNGON : Yes, Sir.This is about branch canals for distribution purposes.

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : This is not the answer. On distributories, let there be Half-an-Hour discussion. This is a very important project of the nation. I request you to allow Half-an-Hour discussion.

MR. CHAIRMAN : You give notice.

श्री सुरेश पचौरी: माननीय सभापति जी, सरदार सरोवर प्रोजेक्ट के पूर्ण होने के लिए जो विदेशी वित्तीय सहायता मिल रही थी, या

तो उसमें कमी आई है या वह बन्द कर दी गई है। विशेष रूप से जो जापानी सहायता थी, वह बन्द हो गई है। तो मैं जानना चाहूंगा कि इस संबंध में माननीय मंत्री जी क्या करने जा रहे हैं और दूसरे, मध्य प्रदेश के मुख्य मन्त्री जी ने यह मांग की है कि वित्तीय संसाधन की कमी को मद्दे नजर रखते हुए इस सरदार सरोवर प्रोजेक्ट को नेशनल प्रोजैक्ट डिक्लेयर कर दिया जाए और इसमें कुछ बैंकिंग और मॉनिटरिंग फाइनेंसियल एजेंसी का भी इवोल्वमेंट हो। ताकि जो निश्चित समय सीमा मंत्री जी ने बताई है उसमें यह सरदार सरोवर प्रोजेक्ट को परिपूर्ण किया जा सके। क्या सरकार इस प्रोजेक्ट को नेशनल प्रोजेक्ट डिक्लेयर करने के बारे में विचार कर रही है ? मेरे प्रश्न का तीसरा पार्ट यह है कि गुजरात सरकार ने सरदार सरोवर डैम की ऊंचाई इसके इनिशियल प्लान से बढ़ाने का निर्णय लिया है जो कि नर्मदा कंट्रोल ऐथोरिटी के ऐनवायरनमेंटल ऐंड रिहैबिलिटेशन सब-ग्रुप के निर्देशों का उल्लंघन है। यदि यह उल्लंघन है तो इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार क्या निर्णय लेने जा रही है और जो स्विस गेट क्लोजर का डिसीजन लिया गया था, क्या वह डिसीजन केन्द्रीय सरकार के निर्देशों के आधार पर लिया गया था ? यदि ऐसा है तो क्या जो एग्रीमेंट किया गया था, वह उस ऐग्रीमेंट का उल्लंघन नहीं है ?

SHRI P. K. THUNGON : Just before giving replies to the hon. Member's questions, I want to reply to Mr. Chimanbhai's question because I could not complete the reply and I had to sit down. Sir, the money so far spent, ending January, 1994, for distribution network is Rs. 571.30 crores.

Now, coming to the OSCF loan, the Japanese assistance, the hon. Member is right that the Japanese have stopped the OSCF assistance and that is why we are facing a problem in respect of completing the power station. But the negotiations are on. I can assure the hon. Member that we are at it and we will try to find a way out, and further efforts will be made to come to a conclusion on this.

About declaring the Sardar Sarovar Dam as a national project, so far this has been executed by the State Government and the money is shared by the respective four States. If any further proposal comes in this regard, all the four Chief Ministers will have to first come to a conclusion and whatever recommendations they will make certainly can be considered and a view can be taken after that only. But so far such a proposal is not there.

As regards the height, Sir, I have already given the salient features of the Dam and there the height has been specified. The height of the Sardar Sarovar Dam in the normal parlance will be 126.5 metres above the mean sea level, but 163 metres above the deepest foundation level.

So, in this, particularly there is no dispute and no controversy as such. As regards the closing of the sluice gates, the Narmada Control Authority in a meeting found that until and unless the riverback sluice gate is closed, there may be a damage to the Dam. Therefore, further construction in that particular block or in that particular part was suspended for a few days. Then, after that....

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : What was the agreement ?

SHRI P. K. THUNGAN : The Prime Minister had also taken a decision. Let me explain everything.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Please explain briefly. There are so many others.

SHRI P. K. THUNGAN : The Member wants elucidation. If you permit, Sir, I can elucidate.

MR. CHAIRMAN : You can give elucidation separately, Just answer the question.

SHRI P. K. THUNGAN : The Prime Minister himself took a Meeting on 12th of January and thenthe Advisory Committee of Sardar Sarovar Construction Authority took a decision to close the sluice gate to avoid any damage to the dam. The work on the sluice gate started from 23rd February evening and since then the water level is rising to the extent and to the level of 69 metres. The work of rehabilitation has been completed. Therefore,

there is no dispute or a problem for the areas to be submerged as a result of closure of the sluice gate.

श्री सुरेश पचौरी : मंत्री जी विस्तार से उत्तर दे रहे हैं, मेरा आपसे आग्रह है कि इस पर हाफ-ऐन-आवर डिस्कशन किया जाए ।

श्री अजीत जोगी : अध्यक्ष महोदय, सरदार सरोवर परियोजना का अधिकतर फायदा गुजरात को होगा और उससे ज्यादातर नुकसान मध्य प्रदेश जैसे पिछड़े प्रारूप को होने वाला है । हमारे सबसे अधिक गांव डूब में आ रहे हैं, जो भारत की सबसे अधिक उपजाऊ भूमि है वह भी डूब में आ रही है, जंगल भी बहुत बड़त बड़ी तादाद में डूब में आ रहे हैं । इसलिए मैं आपके माध्यम से मंत्री जी से यह पूछना चाहूंगा कि अभी हाल हीमें मध्य प्रदेश की विधान सभा और मध्य प्रदेश के मुख्य मन्त्री ने सर्वानुमति से फैसला किया है कि केन्द्र में प्रधान मंत्री जी से और संबंधित मुख्य मंत्रियों से यह अनुरोध किया जाए कि सरकार सरदार सरोवर बांध की ऊंचाई कम करे जिससे डूब में जो हमारी सबसे उपजाऊ भूमि आ रही है वह बहुत कम हो जाए । हमारा बहुत बड़ा शहर हंसूद डूब में आ रहा है, वह भी बच जाए ! तो इस सम्बन्ध में केन्द्रीय शासन की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ? क्या वह इस मामले पर पुनर्विचार प्रारम्भ करेंगे जिससे कि यह धारणा जो बन गई है कि बहुत नुकसान आबादी को होता है, पर्यावरण को नुकसान होता है, हमारी उपजाऊ भूमि को नुकसान होता है, उस धारणा के अनुरूप इसका पुनरावलोकन किया जाए और कम से कम 4 मीटर की ऊंचाई कम करने के अनुरोध पर विचार हो ?

SHRI P. K. THUNGON : Sir, at the moment, there is no proposal to reduce the height of the dam.

SHRI AJIT P.K.JOGI : The State Assembly of Madhya Pradesh has unanimously passed a resolution and the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh has requested the ho. Prime Minister that the height should be reduced by at least four metres. And the hon. Minister here says that he is not even aware of it.

SHRI P. K. THUNGON : What I stated is that at present, there is no proposal to reduce the height of the dam.

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : All the five concerned parties agreed for a revision. Now one party cannot ask for....

SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI : That is why we have requested the Prime Minister to call the parties and reconsider the issue. I am asking the Minister now....

MR. CHAIRMAN : You cannot resolve the dispute here.

SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI : The question has been raised in the Assembly of Madhya Pradesh. A request has been made by the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh. What is the reaction of the Central Government ? I only want to know this.

SHRI P. K. THUNGON : I can appreciate the sentiments of the hon. Members . But the things have to be processed through a proper channel and a proper procedure. So far as this dam is concerned....

SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI : What is the proper channel ?

MR. CHAIRMAN : The Minister is explaining it.

SHRI P. K. THUNGON : If the hon. Member does not want to listen, what can I say ? Four States are involved in this. Until and unless all the four States come together discuss, finalise and agree, the Central Government, *suo motu*, cannot do anything. Therefore, at the moment, there is no proposal to reduce the height of the dam. This is what I said.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question No. 143.

SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI : Sir, I need your protection. I only asked....

MR. CHAIRMAN : He has explained the position very clearly. Question No. 143.

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*143. [The questioner (Shri Ramdas Agarwal) was absent. For answer vide col....infra]